

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As to Claim 1 it has been amended to limit it to a single lumen catheter and clearly for a heart that is continuing to beat. Therefore, since Andrews et al., U.S. Patent 5,865,721 is a co-lumen catheter that is used to assist a heart to continue to beat and both Stevens, et al., U.S. Patent 5,916,193 and Valley, et al. U.S. Patent 5,795,325, are used with a heart that is not continuing to beat, both Stevens and Valley teach against combining and therefore one skilled in the art would not believe there would be any combination of the patents that would render the claims of the present application obvious. In addition, since claims 4, 9, 10 and 11 are dependant upon claim 1, neither Andrews nor Andrews in combination with Stevens or Valley renders claims 1, 4, 9, 10, and 11 obvious.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this Case.

Respectfully submitted,

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